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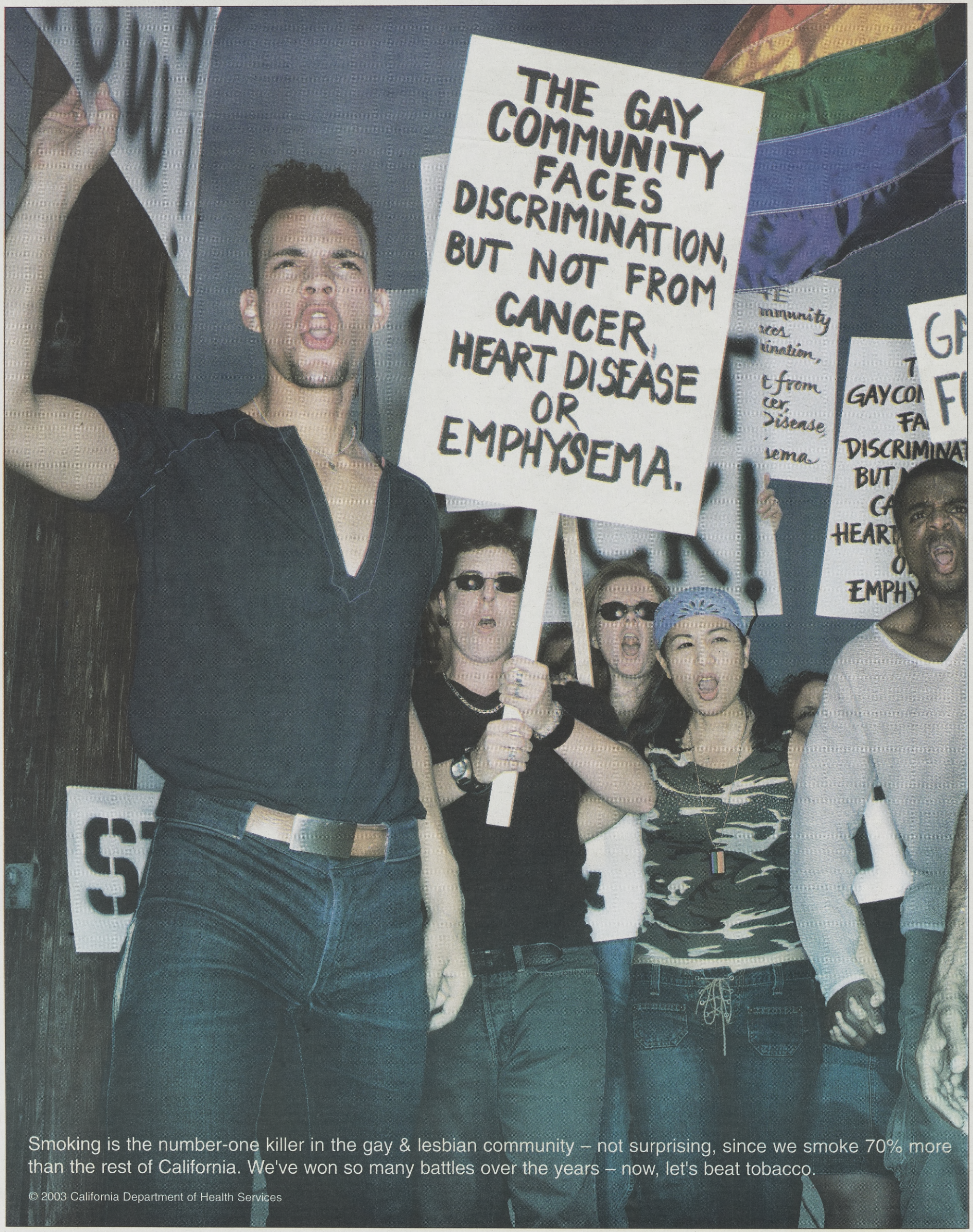

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The rainbow flag we take for granted is not as old as you might expect. It also used to have two more colors than it does now. This year it's 25 years old. Time to celebrate.

"Unfurling Pride" is an exhibit in San Francisco that examines "how a man and his sewing machine stitched an emblem of diversity into the fabric of our everyday lives."

The creator of the rainbow flag, Gilbert Baker, has been hard at work in Key West, Florida, sewing the largest rainbow flag yet—and the largest flag of any kind ever made. When the enormous, 1.5-mile-long Sea-to-Sea Rainbow25 Flag is unfurled on June 15, 2003, it will stretch all the way down Duval Street in Key West, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean.

During the last week of June, Baker will bring a quarter-mile segment of this flag to San Francisco to be carried down Market Street from the Castro district to Civic Center for the Pride Freedom Day March. It's a fitting homecoming celebration for the emblem that Baker first stitched and hand-dyed in San Francisco.

"For me it all goes back to the first moment of the first flag back in 1978," reflected Baker on the original rainbow flag. "Raising it up and seeing it there blowing in the wind for everyone to see. It completely astounded me that people got it, in an instant like a ball of lightning—that it was their flag. It belonged to all of us. It was the most thrilling moment of my life. Because I knew right then that this was the most important thing I would ever do, that my whole life was going to be about the rainbow flag."

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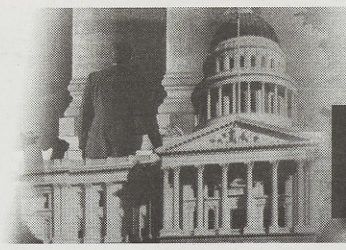

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Sponsored by Baker and curated by the Museum for GLBT History, the exhibit "Unfurling Pride: Gilbert Baker's Rainbow Flag Turns 25" commemorates the flag's journey from local banner to internationally recognized icon. Running May 17–July 17 and held at two sites, the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center of the San Francisco Public Library and the Yvette Flunder Historical Gallery of the LGBT Community Center of San Francisco, "Unfurling Pride" looks at how the rainbow flag came to be what it is today.

The two exhibition sites feature many articles of interest: segments of original pride flags, posters Baker designed for past marches, myriad objects that display the rainbow flag symbol on them, and photographs of how he assembled the largest flag ever, the mile-long flag for New York's Stonewall 25 celebration, as well as the present Sea-to-Sea flag project.

"Unfurling Pride" also examines how this flag has entered the public consciousness—eclipsing former queer symbols as the Greek lambda and the colors lavender and pink—and how it fostered a global industry catering to the "gay dollar."

Baker's original colors—fuchsia, red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, indigo, and violet—were dyed by hand. When it came time to mass-produce the flag, manufacturers informed him that "hot pink" was not commercially available, so the flag was reduced to seven stripes. Then in the aftermath of Harvey Milk's assassination the 1979 Pride Parade Committee decided to use Baker's flag to honor Milk. However, the committee eliminated the turquoise stripe so they could divide the colors evenly as they walked the parade route, three colors on each side of the side. The flag depicting the remaining six colors is now recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers.

"The moment I knew that the flag was beyond my own personal experience—that it wasn't just something I was making but was something that was happening—was the 1993 March on Washington," remarked Baker on the 2003 restored Rainbow25 Flag. "From my home in San Francisco I watched the march on C-SPAN and saw hundreds of thousands of people carrying and waving rainbow flags on a scale I'd never imagined! I was inspired to create a mile-long rainbow flag for Stonewall 25 in New York the next year, and now, in 2003, I'm sewing an even bigger flag and sharing it at celebrations worldwide to honor a symbol that has never gone out of style." ▼

Lambda Legal Challenges Sex Discrimination

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Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed papers in a federal court June 16 on behalf of Darlene Jespersen, who was fired for not adhering to a rigid sex stereotyped dress code. Jespersen worked as a bartender at Harrah's Casino in Reno for 21 years before being fired for not complying to the company's new "Personal Best" program, which required women employees in the beverage department to conform to an extensive list of specified requirements regarding make-up, hair, and attire.

"To me, wearing makeup should be a personal choice. I'm doing the same job as male bartenders, and they don't have to wear makeup," Jespersen said.

Federal civil rights laws have been seen as allowing employers to have dress codes or other standards that impose different but essentially equal burdens on men and women. Harrah's codes placed an unequal burden on women, and further violated the law by requiring female employees to conform to outdated and oppressive gender stereotypes.

"This is a classic sex discrimination case," said Jennifer Pizer, senior staff attorney for Lambda Legal's Western Region. "Harrah's fired Darlene because she wouldn't adhere to the most extreme stereotypes of women, even though her supervisors praised her and her customers loved her." ▼

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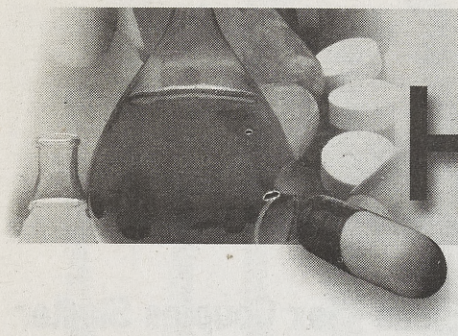

HIV Newsline

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On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Fuzeon continues to show promise...

HIV drug Fuzeon (fusion inhibitor T-20) has now been studied an additional 6 months, showing encouraging results when used over a longer term than previously studied, says its maker, Roche. A recent 24-week study showed that those who took it, in combination with standard drugs, were twice as likely to achieve undetectable HIV levels -- plus double the increase in their immune cell count -- compared with those whose therapy did not contain Fuzeon. These positive results have now been sustained when the drug is taken for nearly a year (over a 48-week period).

The latest results were drawn from two trials that included 1,000 people in several countries. The study found that the greatest benefit is seen when Fuzeon is used earlier rather than later. said Roche. In addition, the company had previously said their supply of Fuzeon would cover between 12,000 and 15,000 people by year's end. It has now revised that estimate to 18,000.

UCDMC acknowledged with high marks...

UC Davis Medical Center ranks among the top 50 hospitals in America, according to a survey to be published in U.S. News & World Report. Out of more than 6,000 hospitals nationwide, UCD Med Center was ranked 24th for ear, nose and throat; 32nd for orthopaedics; 38th for hormonal disorders; and 40th for cancer. The Center's nurse-patient ratio -- 2.97 registered nurses per bed -- led the charts in each of the four specialties.

The Med Center also maintains an exceptional HIV treatment department, and works closely with other HIV specialists to coordinate the best possible treatment for local residents with HIV and AIDS. The UC Davis AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, based at CARES, has over half a dozen clinical trials open for enrollment. Studies are open to both newly diagnosed, as well as HIV-experienced people, including a new study looking at those co-infected with the Hepatitis B virus.

Congratulations! You are appreciated.

They're back -- syphilis, TB, gonorrhea...

Frequent syphilis tests urged. "If you're a man who has sex with men... and you're having more than one partner in a three-month period" you should get screened for syphilis "every three-to-six months," says a health department official in Oregon, after a recent study there to track rising rates. People who are HIV positive are encouraged to get tested every three months. The rise in syphilis cases in Portland, close to double last year's rate and 8 times higher than the year before, is primarily among gay men age 35 and older who pick up male sexual partners over the Internet or in adult venues, says the official. The anonymity of meetings arranged on the Internet presents a difficult challenge in tracking down sex partners of men with syphilis to notify them of their possible exposure, so men who have sex with men are strongly encouraged to get tested for syphilis soon and often.

As a result of the marked increase, health workers from the Centers for Disease Control coordinated with Portland officials as they launched an awareness campaign for local gay men last year. Nonetheless, the disease's spread only quickened. Officials fear that if information about safer sex practices fails to curb the spread of syphilis, Portland could see an outbreak like the one in Los Angeles -- where early-stage syphilis cases went from a few dozen in the late 1990s, to 520 cases last year. Syphilis spreads from person to person via physical contact during oral, anal, and vaginal sex. The most common symptoms are skin sores and skin rash. Although the symptoms go away without treatment, you still have the STD until such time as you are treated with antibiotics.

Untreated syphilis makes HIV easier to catch, and easier to give to your sex partners. In addition, new research indicates that, for people who have HIV, syphilis can greatly increase your viral load. It can also lead to organ damage, including brain damage, if it's not properly treated.

TB spreads worldwide, especially impacting those with HIV.

HIV makes a person more susceptible to tuberculosis, and without proper care, 90 percent of people with HIV who become ill with TB could die within two to four months, says a report from the recent International AIDS Society Conference in Paris. Over 40 million people are living with HIV or AIDS worldwide, and about one-third (about 14 million) are co-infected with TB.

Although typical TB treatment costs only about $10 per person, many of the world's governments have not made the drugs available. This neglect contributes to 8 million new TB cases annually and 2 million deaths, says the World Health Organization. Hardest hit by this co-infection is sub-Saharan Africa, where HIV is causing a 6 percent rise in the annual number of TB cases. The organization says its goal is to detect 70 percent of the world's TB cases and cure the majority of those cases by 2005, although they acknowledge their goal may not be met without the cooperation of all governments. Currently, only 30 percent of cases are being detected.

Gonorrhea returns, and brings resistance to meds.

Canadian officials say gonorrhea is on the rise there. After 20 years of constant decline, gonorrhea rates have jumped more than 40 percent over the past five years, with nearly 7,000 cases reported last year, compared with 4,522 in 1997. Even more worrisome, they say, the number of strains of the disease resistant to a leading treatment, ciprofloxacin, is soaring.

Health experts are blaming gonorrhea's revival in part on unsafe sex practices connected to the misconception that HIV is no longer a threatening diagnosis due to improved drug treatments. In addition, say officials, a new generation of sexually active youth never witnessed the potential devastation of AIDS. Suddenly, the legitimate fear factors that once kept gonorrhea under control are vanishing.

Company loses suit over generic Hepatitis C drug...

A federal court in Los Angeles has ruled that competitors of Ribapharm Inc. can develop generic versions of its Hepatitis C drug Rivavirin without infringing on the company's patents. The ruling allows Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Three Rivers Pharmaceuticals, and Novartis to make and market a generic version of the drug whose sales last year generated about $865 million in the United States and $387 million in Europe. Ribapharm, based in Costa Mesa, Calif., says it will appeal the decision.

Medication fraud in Florida...

Nineteen people in Florida have been charged with peddling fake or watered down medications, including drugs used by people with cancer and HIV, such as Neupogen, Gammagard, and Epogen. The pharmaceutical wholesalers investigators said the defendants made millions of dollars from the scheme, and that the fake drugs even found their way into common drug store chains in Florida such as Walgreen's.

The indictment does not accuse the defendants of causing any deaths. For the most part, they filled empty bottles with chalk or tap water, applied fake labels, and sold them as prescription drugs. Each count carries a possible sentence of between five and 30 years in prison.

Huge AIDS Walk response in San Francisco...

About 20,000 volunteers marched through Golden Gate Park for the recent San Francisco AIDS Foundation's AIDS Walk, raising $3 million for SFAF and 34 other AIDS-related service organizations in the Bay Area. "Considering the poor state of the local economy, we're really pleased with the overall success of this event," said organizers. One supporter, walking with his 7-year-old daughter and her friend, said "It's important to support research to find a cure for AIDS, but I also think it's important to teach my daughter and her friend the importance of giving back to the community."

Sacramento's event takes place on Sunday, Sept 14. Walk with a local agency that is dear to your heart, or gather your own group. Pledge, sponsor, and other info can be obtained from Walk coordinator Dawn Bell (916-914-6214) who says, "We're shooting for $250,000 and it can,t be done without you, your grocer, and your mother and her bridge group. Ask. You,ll be surprised by who is just waiting for the opportunity to give." ▼

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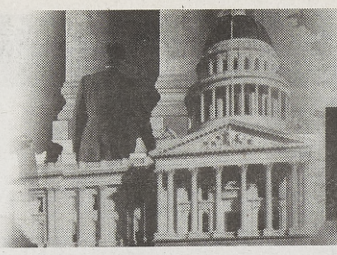

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Asians and Friends Weekend

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Asians & Friends Pittsburgh is hosting the 14th Annual International Friendship Weekend (IFW) from August 28 -- September 1, 2003. IFW is a yearly convention bringing together chapters of Asians Friends from all over the globe as well as anyone interested to meet, socialize, and share their insights on their heritage. The weekend features workshops, panel discussions, tours, dinner/dance boat trip, Mr. and Miss IFW Pageant, plays, and receptions. ▼

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Gephardt's Daughter Openly Gay

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Representative Dick Gephardt's daughter is making political history as the first openly gay child of a presidential candidate to work on the campaign trail. She will be acting as an ambassador of sorts to Gephardt's gay and lesbian constituency.

Gay activists are trumpeting the move as evidence that homosexuality is becoming widely accepted by voters. Some have chided Gephardt for using his family's personal issues for possible political gain, but Gephardt continues to state that he simply believes that his family comes first, regardless of whether or not that helps or hurts him politically. ▼

Census Shows Households Headed By Same-Sex Couples Similar to Others

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According to an analysis by the Urban Institute of Census 2000 data, same-sex couples share many similar characteristics with other state families. The study showed that the average same-sex couple in California is raising 2.01 children, close to the 2.08 children that other average families are raising. The difference, according to many, lies in the number of rights and protections available to each type of family.

Children and families of same-sex couples are unable to claim the rights and benefits of other families, thus forcing same-sex couples to pay higher taxes on their homes and deal with the business of raising children without the benefits and protections offered to the offspring of other families. "From child custody and child support obligations, to community property and mutual responsibility for debt-gay and lesbian couples and their families need and deserve the same laws and protections that any other couple does," said HRC National Field Director Seth Kilbourn.

The new information was drawn from a Census 2000 1% Public Use Microdata Sample, a sampling of individual census records from 1 in 100 U.S. households. Couples were not asked about their sexual orientation, rather they chose to identify themselves and their families on the census as same-sex partners or living with an "unmarried" partner.

HRC Communications Director David M. Smith said in reference to the results, " This study should serve as a wake-up call to both state and federal leaders. Families headed by same-sex couples are much more similar to most other families than they are different—yet all to often they don't enjoy the same rights and protections."

The study also showed that members of GLBT families were an undeniable part of the country's military and were just as involved in binational relationships as other families. The families in these situations are also not granted the same rights as married couples concerning immigration and/or military benefits.

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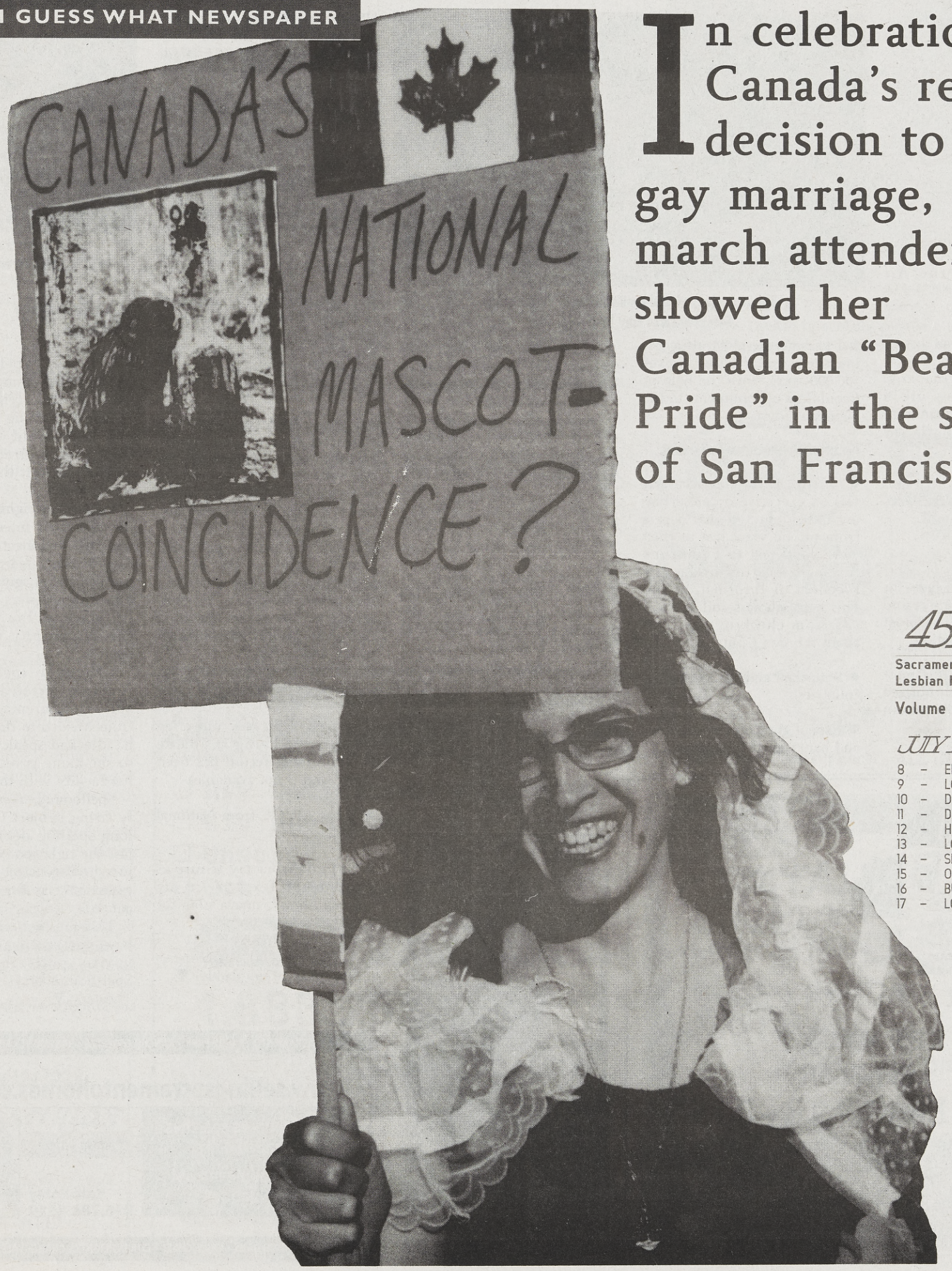

In celebration of Canada's recent decision to allow gay marriage, one march attendent showed her Canadian "Beaver Pride" in the streets of San Francisco.

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Entertainment

Just For Laughs...a Little BUSHIT!

Former MGW Food Editor Randy Hartly sent this parody our way. Enjoy.

Resume:
George Walker Bush

Past work experience:

- I avoided service during the Vietnam War by having my Dad get me into the Air National Guard where I did as little as I could.
- I ran for congress and lost.
- I bought an oil company, but couldn't find any oil in Texas; company went bankrupt shortly after I sold all my stock.
- With my father's help and nearly the same name, was elected Governor of Texas.

Accomplishments:

- I changed pollution laws for oil and power companies and helped make Texas the most polluted state in the nation.
- I set the record for the most criminal executions authorized by any governor in American history.

The unfurling of the 1 mile rainbow flag at the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade.

- I became president after losing the popular vote by over 500,000 votes, with the help of Republican appointments to the Supreme Court.

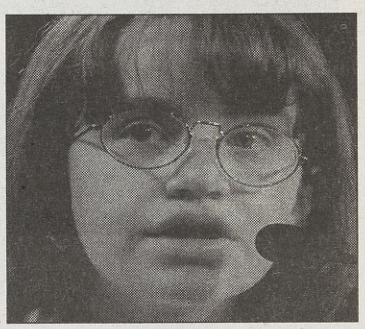
Accomplishments as President:

- One of my first official acts was an executive order sealing my father's presidential papers from public view just as they were supposed to be opened for such scrutiny under the Freedom of Information act. This kept scholars and journalists from checking the facts about the Iran Contra scandal.
- I attacked and took over two countries.
- I spent the country's surplus and bankrupted the treasury.
- I am the first president in US history to enter office with a criminal record.
- In my first year in office set the all-time record for most vacation days taken by any president.
- I cut health care benefits for war veterans.
- I set the all-time record for biggest annual budget spending increases, more than any president in US history, while at the same time proposing tax cuts.
- I am the first president in US history to have the United Nations remove the human rights commission.
- I am the first president in US history to have the United Nations remove the US from the elections monitoring board.
- I hold the record for most corporate campaign donations.
- My biggest lifetime campaign contributor, who is also one of my best friends, presided over one of the largest corporate bankruptcy frauds in world history (Kenneth Lay, former CEO of Enron Corporation).
- I am the first US president in history to have a majority of the people of Europe (71%) view my presidency as the biggest threat to world peace and stability.
- I changed US policy to allow convicted criminals to be awarded government contracts.
- I removed more freedoms and civil liberties for Americans than any other president in US history. I decided that 10 items on the Bill of Rights was just "too much" so it is pared down to a "no nonsense" 6. No more Miranda rights and goodbye to #4-illegal search and seizure.

Records and References:

- I have at least one conviction for drunk driving in Maine (Texas driving record has been erased and is not available).
- I was AWOL from National Guard.
- Records from my tenure as governor of Texas are in my father's library, unavailable for public view.
- For personal references please speak to my daddy. ▼

Spellbound is Spellbinding



Champion Speller Angela Arenivar

Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

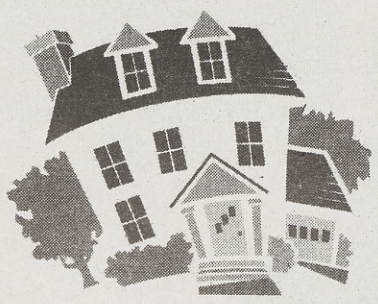
Jeff Blitz's Spellbound is a mesmerizing glimpse into the world of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, a curious, 75-year-old competition that pits hundreds of smart children against the coldhearted dictionary.

Following eight individuals through their intensive studies and drill sessions, this Academy Award-nominated documentary profiles an intriguing cross-section of youngsters from different walks of life who pursue the big trophy with equal tenacity.

Champion speller Angela Arenivar (pictured) is remarkable. Her parents immigrated from Mexico to the Texas panhandle and speak no English, so she alone is responsible for her facility with the language.

Spellbound takes a potentially tiring subject (a weekend-long spelling bee) and selects just the right moments to show just how tension-riddled the experience is for the participants.

This mesmerizing film will have you rooting for your favorite speller by the end. Spellbound plays at the Crest Theater. ▼



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Pamela Karlan to Serve on FPPC

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State Controller Steve Westly announced the appointment of Pamela Karlan to serve on the Fair Political Practices Commission in April 2003. According to Westly, " The FPPC is charged with ensuring the integrity of our political system...she is well suited to serve the interests of the people of California."

Karlan, a professor of public interest law at Stanford University Law School, has most recently turned her attentions to the interests of GLBT people. She filed a friend of the court brief against a Texas sodomy law, on behalf of 18 constitutional law professors. This law was recently struck down by The Supreme Court.

On the legal impact of this ruling Karlan has said in an online interview with Margaret Warner, "..The Supreme Court recognizes that gay people and straight people are equally people under the constitution...by sweeping these laws off the books, it takes away the ability of states to discriminate on the grounds that being gay is the same thing as being a criminal...I think those are the two biggest immediate impacts of the decision."

Pamela Karlan has published dozens of articles on voting rights, civil rights, affirmative action, the political process, and discrimination. She has been involved as a friend of the court and as an advocate in over 20 other Supreme Court cases. ▼

Info: www.fppc.ca.gov

Local Motorcycle Club Mellows Out

MGW / Nikki Judge

By Gerard Wing
Guest Writer

The Valley Knights is a gay motorcycle club, based in the Central Valley and founded in 1976. Its members remember the great awakening of the 70's, the increased social and political presence in the face of tragedy of the 80s and 90s, and watch a new generation of gays mature. The club fosters community, challenges stereotypes, and tries to subvert the paradigm. Club members ride motorcycles as diverse as the segments of the community from which they come.

The club received an award from the Inter-Club Fund, an organization that recognizes excellence among the leather and motorcycle clubs in Northern California as well as a first place trophy for the Best Special Event on a Run. ▼

Assembly Passes Sports License Plates Bill for Title IX

MGW Staff

The California State Assembly has approved legislation by Assembly member Lloyd E. Levine, to allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue collegiate and professional sports team California license plates. The revenue created from this bill will go to Title IX Compliance. The bill passed 76-1.

After receiving 7,500 applications for a specific collegiate or professional sports team, the DMV may issue a license plate to an applicant for a $100 initial fee and $80 for the renewal fee.

With the popularity of professional sports teams, such as the Monarchs and the Kings, there is an obvious demand for sports teams memorabilia.

Florida has a similar plan, which has raised $66 million in revenue over the last five years. California's large driving population, coupled with higher fees than Florida's, will generate even more revenue for Title IX. ▼

Info: www.dmv.ca.gov

LGBT CAUCUS OPPOSES RECALL

MGW / A. W. Hall

On July 8 members of the GLBT Caucus, as well as members of other organizations such as Planned Parenthood, came out to the North Steps of the Capital to publicly announce their opposition to an ongoing statewide effort to recall Governor Gray Davis.

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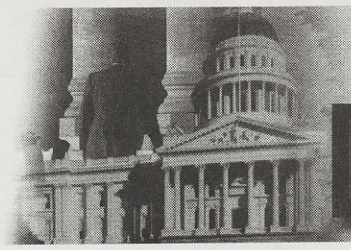

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Youth Hate Violence Rising

MGW Staff

Aaron Price, a 19-year-old former Morehouse college student was found guilty on June 11 of assault and battery charges after he beat dorm mate Gregory Love with a baseball bat in a dormitory bathroom in November. His sentence could carry up to 40 year in prison. This case was the first trial under Georgia's new Hate Crime Law and the jury continued to weigh a hate crime charge that could add five more years.

Price said he interpreted stares in a shower stall from Love as sexual advances, and claimed that when he returned to the bathroom with a baseball bat he was acting in self-defense. Love, who suffered a fractured skull in the assault, said that he did not have his glasses and mistook Price for his roommate.

Unfortunately the incident is not an isolated event, homophobic and hate violence among young people are on the rise. "In 2002 alone, we saw an 8% increase in victims of anti-GLBT crimes who were between the ages of 18 and 22, and a 164% increase in the number of reports from victims under the age of 18; many of these incidents occurred on campuses and schools," said Clarence Patton, Acting Executive Director of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs. NCAVP is an organization dedicated to creating a national response to the violence plaguing the GLBT community. ▼

Info: 212.714.1184, avp.org

Rainbow Endowment Funds Eight Non-Profits

MGW Staff

The Rainbow Endowment remains one of a shrinking number of national foundations focused exclusively on the needs of the GLBT community and distributes funds contributed by its funding sponsors Subaru and Rainbow Card.

Organizations currently awarded funding from the Rainbow Endowment in 2003:

-AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA) runs HIV/AIDS education programs.

-Advocates for Youth provides information to GLBT and questioning youth via their website youthresource.org

-Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) provides support for children with GLBT parents.

-Gender Public Advocacy Coalition works to end discrimination caused by gender stereotypes

-Gay and Lesbian Victory Foundation educates openly GLBT individuals who enter public service and run for elected office through the Horizon State Victory Training Institute.

-In the Life Media produces a monthly GLBT newsmagazine that is broadcast on 130 television stations nationwide.

-National Association of GLBT Community Centers coordinates information and provide resources to local centers.

-Outright Radio provides a voice for the GLBT community on Public Radio International (PRI) affiliated stations. ▼

Info: 215.241.7280
rainbowendowment.org

Key West's Quest For Fantasy

MGW Staff

In Key West from October 17-26, the Island City's annual Fantasy Fest celebration will take place. The outrageous masking and costuming festival is themed "Nights of Futures Past -- 25 Years of Fantasy," and features a roster of masquerade balls, street fairs and other revelry climaxing in a lavish grand parade where more than 60,000 spectators are expected. Key West's Duval Street will be transformed into a Caribbean-flavored marketplace where attendees can find feathered masks, exotic costumes, island edibles and frosty libations. ▼

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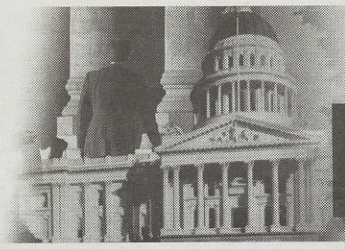

Under The Domes

Korea Removes Homosexuality from Classification of "Harmful and Obscene"

MGW Staff

The Youth Protection Committee of South Korea removed the classification of homosexuality as "harmful and obscene" from the 1997 Youth Protection Act. The resolution ruled that prohibiting youth from accessing sites with homosexual content violates guarantees of pursuit of happiness, equality, and freedom of expression enshrined in the Korean Constitution. ▼

Info: www.youth.go.kr/englis/default.htm

Strong Women Summit Set

MGW Staff

The Stonyfield Farm Strong Women Summit will celebrate, educate, and motivate women about how positive thinking and activism begins with good health, nutrition, exercise and attitude.

Influential women from media, academic and activist organizations across the U.S. will gather to discuss and explore the many issues facing women today. Through the Strong Women Summit, women will gain a wide range of tools to help combat stress, build strength and personal power, and enhance wellness and self-esteem.

The Strong Women Summit will be held at Mohonk Mountain House, a grand 251 room Victorian Castle, located 90 miles north of New York City on the spectacular Shawangunk Ridge near New Paltz, New York. Surrounded by thousands of acres of unspoiled forest and winding trails. Mohonk provides a unique setting for relaxation and renewal of the body, mind, and spirit in a beautiful natural setting.

Stonyfield Farm the worlds largest producer of organic yogurt, is committed to educating girls and women about health and fitness, and to honoring the many ways that women stay strong in the face of everyday stress. Through the Strong Women campaign, Stonyfield Farm is inspiring women to take care of themselves, so that they may become agents of positive change in their lives, with their families, and for their communities. ▼

Info: stonyfield.com

Author To Lead Workshop

MGW Staff

Dr. Robert N. Minor, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas and Author of the book Scared Straight: Why It's So Hard to Accept Gay People and Why It's So Hard To Be Human (St. Louis: HumanityWorks!), will teach "Getting Unstuck: Making Progress on Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues" July 28-August 3 at Ghost Ranch Education and Retreat Center in Abiquiu, New Mexico. ▼

Info: 505-685-4333

RainbowVision Aquires 12.7 Acres in Santa Fe New Mexico

MGW Staff

In mid April RainbowVision closed on a 12.7-acre site, within Santa Fe city limits, valued at more than $2,250,00. The resort is set to be the first of its kind, offering the GLBT retirement community a place designed for their specific needs.

As 70 million baby boomers become seniors, gay seniors may wonder if mainstream senior housing facilities may not welcome same sex couples or gay singles. The planned resort is designed for health conscious, active people. The community will offer a wide variety of activities and events. Other amenities will include a wellness center, fitness center and full service dining. In addition to assisted living facilities, there will be on site health care. ▼

Info: 212-505-2900

Wal – Mart Catches Up

MGW Staff

Wal-Mart Stores announced on Tuesday that the company has expanded its non-discrimination policy to include its gay and lesbian employees. According to Mona Williams, Vice President of Communications for Wal-Mart, the most important factor in the company's decision to change its policy was a letter to senior management officials from several gay employees asking the company to change its policy on the grounds that these employees felt "excluded". The new policy will also include a revised company guideline pertaining to harassment and inappropriate conduct that will include sexual orientation and encourage reporting discriminatory behavior to management officials. Williams was quoted as saying, in regard to the new policy, that "It's the right thing to do for our employees...And it's the right thing to do for our business." ▼

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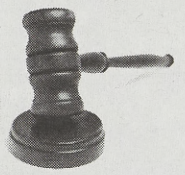
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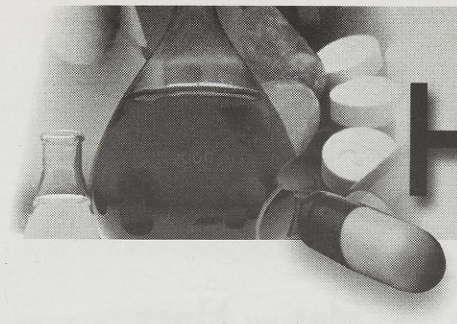

HIV Newsline

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On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV editor

Nomination includes conflict-of-interest surprise...

President Bush announced last week the nomination of Randall Tobias to run the $15 billion program to fight AIDS worldwide. Tobias is a major donor to Bush and to the Republican Party. He has little experience with AIDS issues or with Africa, and ^ as long-time chief executive and chairman of pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly ^ has fought hard against the use of generic drugs. The use of generics is of critical importance in the spending package since generic AIDS drugs can be provided for about $300 per person to desperately poor individuals in nations such as Africa (compared to the $12,000 price tag of many regimens that use brand-name AIDS meds in this country).

If confirmed by the Senate, Tobias will be given the rank of ambassador and will report directly to Secretary of State Colin Powell, with the five-year program set up as a new State Department office. Bush said Tobias would have broad influence over the government's AIDS programs and resources.

While some AIDS activists acknowledge that he possesses good management skills, the conflict-of-interest issues caught many by surprise. Most with experience in the field of AIDS say they are apprehensive about the nomination and, as noted by the executive director of the Global AIDS Alliance, concerned that "He'll be protecting the interests of the pharmaceutical industry versus cost-effective generically manufactured drugs... We're calling for a full congressional investigation to make sure there is no kickback arrangement from the Bush administration to the pharmaceutical industry."

Local HIV activists start new duties...

Sunburst Projects is pleased to announce that Julianna Tachibana and Jennifer Novak will be collaborating with them on emergency-needs programs that complement other local HIV/AIDS services in the area. Sunburst's emphasis is on family preservation, working with other service providers when a child is impacted by HIV. For many years it has run a summer camp for kids with HIV, and now manages respite child-care services, the collection of clothing and school items, family-centered case management, teen mentoring, and other programs.

Julianna and Jennifer, who recently left the Hand to Hand project after coordinating its rescue from the now defunct AIDS foundation, will also arrange fundraisers for Sunburst. Look for an "adopt a family at Christmas" program, a winter holiday gala, and other fun ways to gather tax-deductible donations for the area's families fighting HIV.

Sunburst director Mireya Herrera-Bayard invites you to volunteer for the agency, and to walk with them at the Sept 14 AIDS Walk. For more info, or to leave a message for Julianna or Jennifer, call 440-0889 (www sunburstprojects.org).

New one-a-day drug approved...

The Food & Drug Administration recently approved Emtriva, which will join other NRTI meds such as 3TC, AZT, and d4T. Gilead Sciences received approval for the once-a-day drug, and plans to immediately begin a trial to evaluate its combination with the company's other HIV drug, Viread, also taken once a day. Giliad plans to test the proposed combination pill against Combivir, rival drug maker Glaxo's once-a-day pill that combines lamivudine (3TC) and AZT. But even now, says Gilead, administering Viread and Emtriva as two separate pills will provide an effective alternative to Combivir.

HIV and 'natural' therapies can be bad combo...

Half of Americans with HIV are using alternative therapies while taking powerful AIDS cocktails, say researchers at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles, and nearly one in four have selected an alternative that could interfere with their therapy. Even worse, many never mention to their physicians that they're using these additional treatments -- thinking that so-called "natural" treatments should be beneficial. In reality, however, some can be harmful, and drastically interfere with the effectiveness of their anti-retroviral drugs or create other health problems.

Herbal anti-depressant St. John's wort, for instance, lowers blood levels of protease inhibitors and, as a result, the PIs can stop working -- and HIV can even become resistant to anti-retrovirals. Garlic can have similar effects on AIDS drugs. Mega-doses of vitamins can damage the kidneys and other organs.

While AIDS care providers strongly support alternative therapies like massage, acupuncture, and relaxation techniques, along with the sensible use of multi-vitamins, the researchers recommend that folks with HIV avoid herbal remedies, mega-doses of vitamins, and other self-treatment alternatives. And be sure to tell your HIV provider about everything you take, be it headache meds, cold and allergy treatments, or other remedies, and have it included with the information in your med chart.

New plan targets those who don't know they're positive...

The Centers for Disease Control says it plans to buy nearly 250,000 OraSure rapid HIV tests for $2 million and distribute them to state health departments as part of a major HIV prevention initiative that will include outreach at rallies and other venues. The quick test is a major part of their effort to bring people who do not know they are HIV-infected into a doctor's care.

"It's tragic that more than two decades into the disease, we still have 250,000 people who don't know they have it," CDC Director Julie Gerberding said. "Our goal is to help people to know their status and get treated... Most people who know they're HIV-positive take appropriate steps to protect their partners."

"The most important aspect of this new, rapid test is that each year 10,000 people in the U.S. test positive but never return for their test results," says an AIDS official. "With the rapid test, we'll be able to give them their results in 20 minutes."

Dozens of testing events are scheduled in the U.S., "targeted at cities with large African-American and Latino populations," says an OraSure spokesperson. About 70 percent of new HIV cases are in those groups.▼

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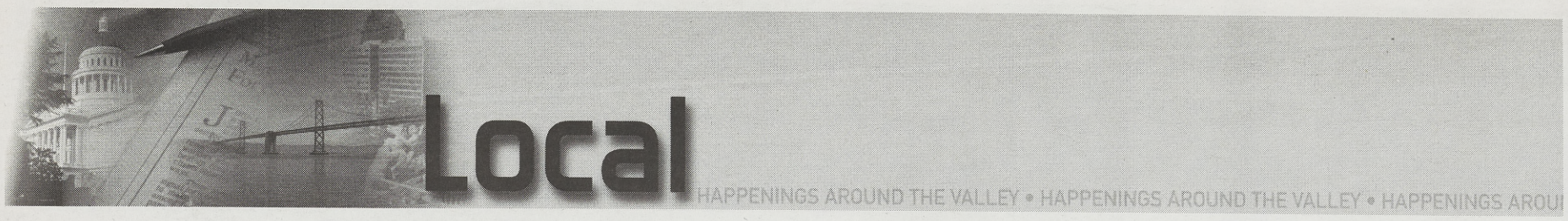

Bolt Raided By Rumors, 7 Arrested For Lewd Conduct

MGW Staff

Police arrived at 2560 Boxwood Street to respond to reports of illicit sexual activity and lewd conduct in the ally between the Bolt and the adjacent warehouse. Police arrived around 10 pm and officers observed people engaged in sex acts in the ally, the police then entered through the warehouse and arrested seven people whom were cited and released on lewd conduct and illicit sexual behavior charges.

"Depending on what rumors you heard, police in riot gear raided the Bolt," said the Bolt's owner Joseph about the incident, which rumor mills quickly turned into an exaggerated story about what happened. "There was no raid on the Bolt, the police removed the people as to not disturb business."

The Bolt was not cited for any violations or misconduct for the arrests. ▼

Leather 101 Classes

MGW Staff

The Sacramento Valley Leathermen announces the beginning of a monthly education and discussion group, which will meet in a safe and welcoming space at a private residence in North Sacramento, within walking distance of the Bolt. Each class is free and open to any gay/bi/curious men who are at least 18 years of age. Classes are "adult-themed"; a valid ID may be required.

The group will start with topics aimed at those who may have little or no experience in the leather community. The first two classes will focus on basics, the history of the community and how to play safe, sane, and consensual. Each class will include a lecture or discussion led by a community member with BDSM experience and most classes will include a "how-to" demonstration or videotape presentation.

August 21st's topic: "An Introduction to Leather" will include a demonstration on basic corporal punishment, that can drive you or your lover wild with desire; however, those same things, if done in the wrong spot can cause serious damage.

September 18th's Topic: "Introduction to Leather, Part 2"

The first two classes will touch on the concept of playing "safe, sane, and consensual," using "safe words," exploring limits, and how to prepare for and negotiate play. We will also discuss the community, and its history and literature.

Join the Sacramento Valley Leathermen in exploring this fascinating, dark world and learn the safe, sane, and consensual way to play.

Classes will be held on the third Thursday of each month, beginning Thursday August 21, 2003, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For specific directions to the classroom space or for additional information, call the SVL hotline at 486-5500 and leave a message, or email svl_club@yahoo.com ▼

LGBT High School Student awarded Leadership Scholarship

MGW Staff

The eQuality Scholarship Collaborative awarded $18,000 in college scholarships to 12 high school students last May. These scholarships are given out annually to students who demonstrate leadership in promoting equality and understanding for members of the GLBT community.

One of those students, Brianna McPherson, is a recent graduate of Mira Loma High School. She will be putting her scholarship to good use this fall as an incoming freshman at American River College. She intends to major in Political Science and Psychology. Brianna served as president of her high school's Gay Straight Alliance and helped to organize several events while serving in this capacity, including National Day of Silence and a vigil for Matthew Shepherd.

LGBT students often face many challenges when applying for scholarships in high school. The eQuality Scholarship helps businesses and community members come together to support future community leaders while providing financial support for students working on LGBT issues. ▼

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How Does the Republican Log Cabin Club Make a Difference?

Brian Schmidt

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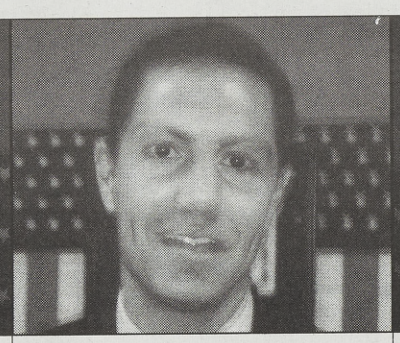
The Log Cabin Club represents a long overdue conservative voice in the gay community.



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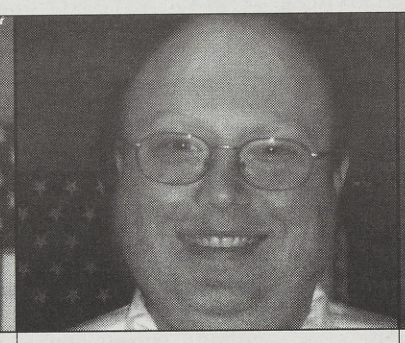

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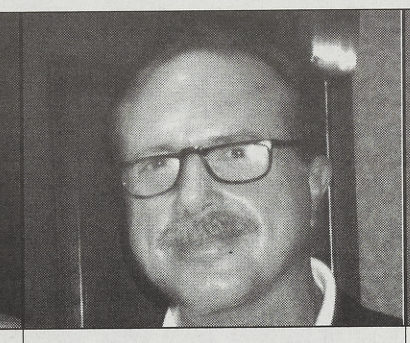

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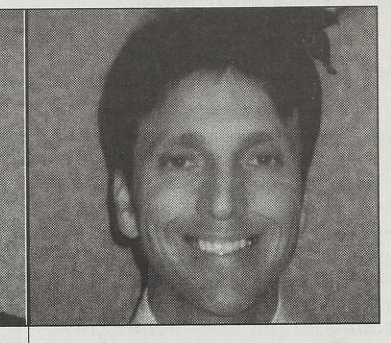
The Republican Log Cabin Club is making a difference just through its visibility in the straight and gay community. The Republican Party protects my rights as an individual.



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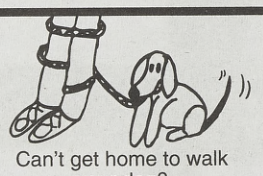

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Stranger in the Night

Sally Sheklow
MGW Staff

The worst thing about the times I've been single is not having a girlfriend around to confront intruders. Not that I'm a wuss—I brave spiders, bats, snakes and door-to-door proselytizers. But there's something about a strange noise in the night that makes you want to nudge your cuddle buddy and tell her it's her turn to go see what it is.

One sweltering summer night my independence was put to the test. My apartment was so stifling I left the back door open, a habit I got into when my trusty guard dog was still alive. She'd bark at the approach of so much as a pill bug, which in my small town was about all that came around after lights out. But now that I was really alone—unless you count my cat who occasionally deigned to come in and sleep on the vacant pillow—I had no one to play Dagwood to my Blondie.

I lay down sans pajamas and sprawled across the mattress for maximum airage. Eventually the night cooled. I pulled up the cotton sheet and fell into a deep sleep.

About three in the morning I felt the cat's weight on the foot of the bed. I instinctively reached over to her pillow and petted her. My hand nestled into pussy fur (the only kind available that summer) and I drifted back to sleep. Paw steps pressed up my legs. The pressure inched its way up my torso. I stroked the cat on the pillow next to me. Something wasn't right, but my sleepy brain was Bullwinkle slow. Let's see, if my cat's on the pillow and something's walking on me . . . that something must not be the cat. A moist snurfling sound approached my face. Warm, foul breath rocketed my synapses into action.

I jerked the sheet taut and snapped whatever it was off the bed. A loud thud, then the scritch of claws scuttled across the wood floor. I jumped upright. The bedside lamp crashed down. The cat hissed and ran off, leaving me alone in the dark with whatever it was. I stood on the pillows stark naked in fierce Barbarella pose.

My heart raced. I couldn't see a thing. The light switch was unreachable, unless I dared cross the floor, upon which waited god-knows-what. I held steady at the head of the bed—hoping whatever it was wouldn't spring up and rip out my jugular.

I fumbled for the night stand drawer, twisted my mini mag lite on and scanned the room. What was that dark lump staggering between my dresser and the closet? Beady little pink-rimmed eyes glowed in the light, which cast an unmistakable shadow on the closet wall—a big, hairy possum. The creature twitched its long, scaly tail, let out a wet hiss and flashed me a Jack Nicholson grin.

That hideous stare locked onto my flashlight beam, freeing me to back off the bed and into the kitchen. I grabbed the broom and a grocery bag. Armed for battle I switched on the bedroom light.

Nobody there. Silence. Just the creepy feeling of not knowing. Where is Sigourney Weaver when you need her? Where was anybody? I couldn't exactly call 911. What was I going to say, I'd like to report an uninvited possum? I wanted to cry, to call for Popeye or Tarzan or Carol Mosely Braun.

There was no one to rescue me, no one else to rely on. I had to deal. Look, this thing is smaller and slower than you are, I told myself. It also has claws and teeth and you are stark raving naked, my self replied. Being an independent woman means being brave enough to . . . what? Wander around naked with a broom and a paper bag and a wild beast loose in my house? Yes, exactly that.

I needed a drink of water. I'd cool down and get ready for the alien to reappear. Back in the kitchen but still on code red alert, I reached for a clean glass. That's when I noticed the possum on the counter, lurking behind the dish drainer. I'm pretty sure it said, "Hello, Clarice." There it sat, with that horrible smiling face, ready to eviscerate me, or eat my eyeballs, or do whatever it is possums do to their prey.

I lost a few dinner plates in the scuffle but I finally bagged the little bugger, taped the top of the paper bag shut and set it out on the front steps—all on my own. The next morning I made sure it hadn't escaped and called the Animal Rescue team. A nice, dykey-sounding woman said possums could be relocated outside of town and they'd come pick it up right away. I reminded myself to put some clothes on before they got here.

Sally Sheklow's current girlfriend keeps the doors of their Eugene, Oregon home closed at night. They both perform with WYMPROV! the award-winning all-lesbian improve comedy troupe. Send comments to sally@wymprov.com.

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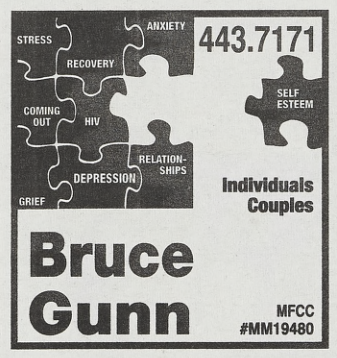

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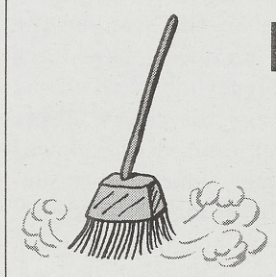

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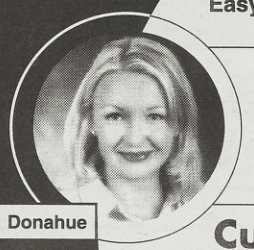

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Bugs!
Narrated by Judi Dench.
Directed by Mike Slee.
(Rated G, 45 min.)

Nature documentaries are fun to watch because they bring the out-of-reach so effortlessly to the in-front-of-couch. Sure, you can visit the zoo and see wild animals behind cages but there's nothing like a good nature show to bring you up close and personal to the beetles and the bees.

Too bad nature shows reside primarily on television. Even though the economics of film distribution might make this so, the incredible closeness you achieve in film is more or less negated by the small screen, not to mention life's ordinary distractions in the living room.

Voted 2003 Best Film by the Large Format Cinema Association and, ironically enough, "Presented by Terminix," Bugs! is your chance to see lots of bugs. Big bugs. Bugs magnified up to 250,000 times their normal (sometimes larger than I'd like to encounter in real life) size. Big bugs that pop out at you in spectacular 3D.

Narrated expertly by Judi Dench, Bugs! takes a look at the life cycle of two critters, praying mantis Hierodula and butterfly Papilio, named after their Latin genus names. Both insects are born in the same part of a virgin rainforest in Borneo, where it rains no less than 10 feet each year.

We all know how a butterfly lives the first part of its eight-week life as a ravenous caterpillar but it's quite amazing to watch it happen up close. Similarly astounding is the birth of a praying mantis as it bursts forth like some science fiction alien species from an egg case along with 200 siblings.

Insects really are an alien species to us. Their life cycles and living habits seemingly never cease to amaze. When pre-butterfly, lumbering chewing monster Papilio eats leaves all day, she puts on 100 times her weight—the equivalent for a human of growing to the size of a hippo in a couple of days. When bug hunter Hierodula mates with a female mantis who's twice his size, he must take care that she doesn't bite his head off during climax.

Considering the logistics of filming in the tropical environment that the filmmakers chose for Bugs! it's equally amazing that they were able to capture the images they did, many of them for the first time in large-format 3D: an ant drinking from a raindrop (and practically getting trapped in it), rhino beetles battling over a female, a praying mantis catching a fly, and a tarantula snatching a cricket. After months of planning these shots, they had to prepare for them and then wait for days and hours for things to happen.

One of the most riveting scenes is Papilio's emergence from her cocoon as a red and black butterfly. Shown in real time, its very slowness makes the process all the more dramatic.

Unseen, of course, is a 40-member crew and members of the local Iban tribe, who built sets, created rain storms, carried gear, and generally kept the foreigners safe in the jungle. All their work pays off handsomely. Even so, most of the extreme close-ups were filmed in a studio in Witney, Oxfordshire in England, where the crew could control conditions better than in the wild (although the heat and humidity were identical) and where they could presumably keep distractions to a minimum. It's hard to tell the difference: Everything is lit very well and is quite colorful.

Bugs! undoubtedly takes some inspiration from A Bug's Life, especially during one interlude when jazzy music accompanies several types of insects as they crawl across the screen, interact with each other, and generally cause merry mayhem. It's a nice reprieve from some of the more aggressive tactics on display.

Cute as the film tries to paint things, the world of bugs is decidedly Darwinian in the extreme. With sometimes only a few months to live, it's eat or be eaten, catch or be caught. This fact of life hits home, as one of the film's "stars" encounters all too soon.

If children are fascinated by creepy crawly things, they absolutely love Bugs!. The screening I attended included a busload of squirming, excitable kids who were happily entranced by the creatures inhabiting the large screen before them. Many of them reached out to touch what they saw floating in the air. The 3D effect is that good.

One complaint that seems to echo from viewers is the film's duration. At 45 minutes, it certainly doesn't tax the attention span of children, but to adults it seems about as brief as the lifespans of the insects depicted. Good thing IMAX theaters don't let you leave to fetch popcorn. ▼

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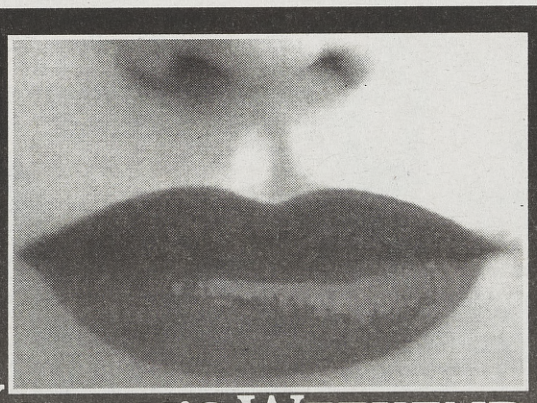

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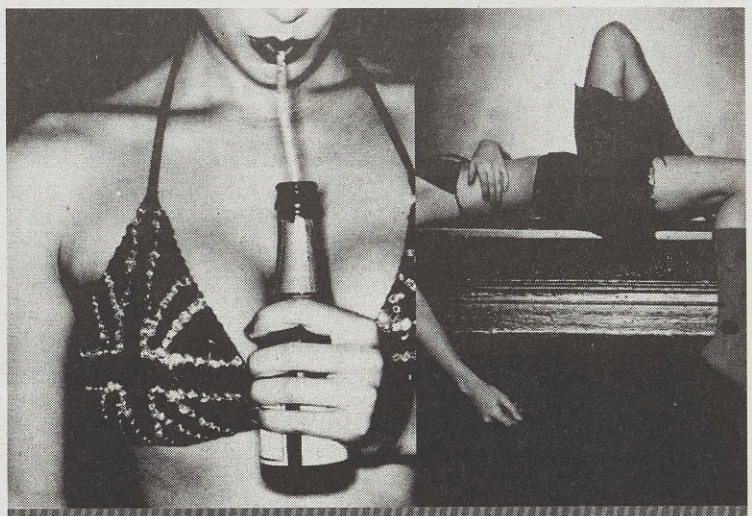

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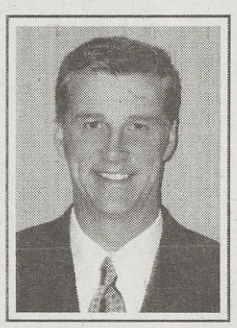

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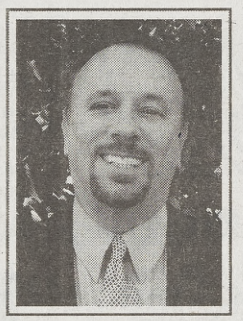

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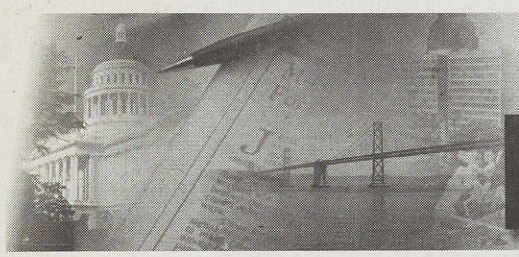

Local

Fine Art Photographer Michael Ward's Second Saturday Reception

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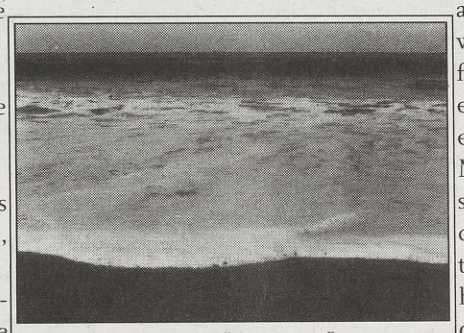
Michael Ward, a native Californian photographer whose work encompasses environmental photography, photojournalism, off-camera portraiture, and social commentary will be exhibited at Uptown Studios. The Second Saturday Reception is August 9th, from 6 - 10pm. His work will be on display through Friday, September 5th. The show will highlight 28 images from seven different series of prints Ward has photographed chronologically over the past five years. The images were chosen for the wide variance in color and emotion that Ward feels that they display.

California Poppies – "The Botanical" Series

Ward started with coastal prints then moved into the Lake Tahoe Series. His next three series were The Town of Locke, The People of the Fort, and Protests at the Capital. Followed by the Botanical I and II and the Ken and Barbie images. Lastly, his "F.I.L.M." Series (Frames of Intimacy & Laughter Moments), reveals some of his latest and most important work to date and includes, " a Man and His Snake", "the New American Family", "the Photographers Daughter", "Mark & His Best Friend", "Graduation Day", and images of close friends.



Monterey Surf – "The Coastal" Series

Most of his black and white prints are hand dodged and burned on archival fiber paper. Ward would like the viewers of his images to rediscover the mysteries and power of the photograph. "My work should allow the viewer to feel every emotion," Mike says, " only then, have I captured the moment, and frozen the spirit of time to be remembered forever." ▼

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Respiro

**Starring Valeria Golino, Vincenzo Amato, Francesco Casisa, Filippo Pucillo.
Written and directed by
Emanuele Crialese.
(Rated PG-13, 90 min., in Italian with English subtitles)**

When summer hits, thoughts turn to relaxing vacation destinations: Someplace far from civilization, near the sea, and sunny yet breezy. Lampedusa, an island near western Sicily, would seem to be such a place. The water is clear, the fish is fresh, and the diving is great.

But life is not always so normal in such a location. To an outsider, living in a remote village can seem like a foreign experience. It's even worse if you call the place home and yet are treated like an alien.

Such is the case with Grazia (Valeria Golino) the mother of three children: a teenaged girl, Marinella (Veronica d'Agostino), and two boys, Pasquale (Francesco Casisa) and Filippo (Filippo Pucillo). She's affectionate and full of life but she's also prone to bouts of depression and anger. The more reckless she becomes, the more the town's gossips, and her relatives, want her sent away for medical treatment. There's only so much support her husband, Pietro (Vincenzo Amato), can give her before he too wants her to go away.

Respiro means "breath" in Italian and this film of the same name shows plenty of people catching theirs. It opens with a group of well-tanned boys playing and then fighting as they encounter members of a rival gang. These preteens aim lots of pent-up aggression at each other; after they fight they strip the losers naked to disgrace them. (You can always tell when you're watching a foreign film because the nudity isn't necessarily sexual.)

Filippo is in his element here. Despite his youth, he's a holy terror, generally acting bossy and establishing his manhood way before he has much of one. Older brother Pasquale is less tempestuous than Filippo but isn't much less aggressive.

They save their tenderness for their mother. Grazia loves them and relishes the time she spends with them. In one scene at the beach she takes off her top and runs into the water, coaxing her embarrassed sons to follow suit. They do so but anger their father, who sees them from his fishing boat offshore. Such is the way of Grazia, who acts out her emotions without a moment's hesitation.

When Grazia's carefree behavior finally gets the better of her, Pasquale decides to protect her from the townspeople at all costs.

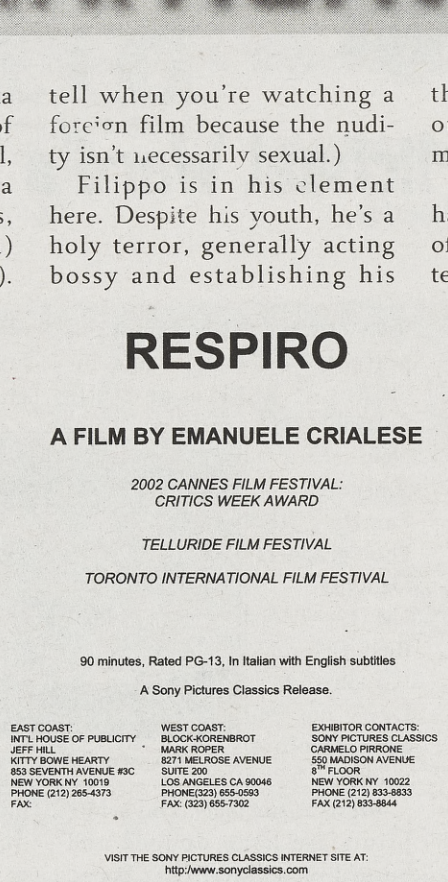
Winner of the Critics Week Grand Prize and Young Critics Award at the Cannes Film Festival in 2002, Respiro comes across more like a fable than a straight story. It does show a little of what everyday life is like on a rural island but its focus is smaller than that. The film was inspired by a local legend about a young mother the townspeople think is crazy because she behaves outside the community's norms. She disappears one day and leaves her clothes on the beach. The community feels guilty for driving the woman to suicide but their prayers bring her back from the sea and into the arms of her family.

At that level, Respiro works beautifully. According to director Emanuele Crialese, he didn't want to make a realist or naturalist film. "I wanted to maintain a fable or legend-like tone. I wasn't interested in faithfully reproducing a social document on the island. I also wasn't interested in exploiting the folklore of a postcard-like Italian island. I wanted a magical realism; reality alternating with a dimension of fantasy. The use of dialogue is contained. The characters have gestures and expressions that reflect their down-to-earth nature, thoughts, and intentions."

Despite the abundant and beautiful sun-drenched scenery, armchair tourists will find Respiro lacking. It shows a fragmented view of life on Lampedusa. For example, boys and girls live separate lives in this tight-knit community; they mingle mainly on Saturday nights. But a cute subplot involving Grazia's daughter, Marinella, romancing the new street cop she meets after driving the family's Vespa too fast through town is dropped after it's carefully established. Sibling dynamics are hinted at, too, not adequately developed.

Despite being an important character, Grazia remains a mystery in the end. Her condition is unexplained, as are her motivations. It's unclear if she loves or hates her husband; perhaps both are true. And everywhere there are tensions between adults and children. Without sufficient context to go on, the fights that erupt seem frivolous and distracting.

Respiro plays at the Crest Theatre in Sacramento. Info: www.sonyclassics.com/respiro. ▼



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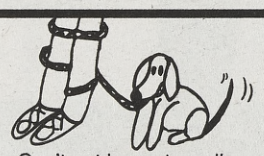
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28 Days Later

Starring Cillian Murphy, Naomie Harris, Brendan Gleeson, Megan Burns.
Written by Alex Garland.
Directed by Danny Boyle.
(Rated R, 112 min.)

The violent images of riots and aggressiveness that flicker on the TV screens at the beginning of 28 Days Later could be scenes from evening newscasts the world over. They encapsulate the state of global conflict certainly today and perhaps the way it's always been: rife with hatred of some form or another.

This unsettling scene is as mysterious as it is brief. In this secret lab chimpanzees are subjected to violent images that test their reaction to a new drug scientists hope will rid humans of anger. Their mission is thwarted when animal rights activists (quasi-terrorists themselves) unleash their righteousness on the lab, "liberating" the caged beasts and unwittingly initiating the downfall of the human race.

Twenty-eight days later, Jim (Cillian Murphy) awakens from a coma in a hospital bed, apparently recovered from an accident he suffered when a car hit him weeks earlier. The problem for him is that he's unaware of what's happened since his hospitalization. England has essentially been emptied of its people due to the voracious spread of the "anger virus" that attacks people almost instantaneously, turning them into powerful, red-eyed killing machines.

You see, in that lab were beasts infected with an anger-causing virus, whose antidote was supposed to help mankind. That's one powerful virus.

Cillian Muphy roams empty London in the apocalyptic thriller, 28 Days Later.

The science behind 28 Days Later isn't exactly rigorous, but no matter, the film packs a wallop in its first half. Jim nonchalantly walks into a group of infected people and escapes only because a couple of uninfected survivors save him. Headed by Selena (Naomie Harris), they quickly show him the ropes.

What begins as a last-man-on-earth or survivalist film quickly turns into an escape-from-the-body-snatchers flick, however, with plenty of blood and gore to earn an R rating and make people squirm in their seats. A sense of dread pervades the film, and you never know when the infected ones will attack—except of course in the dark places where our heroes always find themselves.

Soon Jim and Selena hook up with a man (Brendan Gleeson) and his young daughter (Megan Burns), and together they drive to Manchester where a radio transmission says there is safety. But the military enclave they encounter does not necessarily mean safety for these civilians, especially when its leader (Christopher Eccleston, looking very much like a young Ralph Fiennes) keeps an infected victim chained up for fun and leers at the women whom he fashions as Eves for his boorish Adams.

Cillian Murphy hides from murderous monsters in the apocalyptic thriler, 28 Days Later.

So now the escape-from-zombies film turns into a slasher flick as various characters get killed off one by one in a cavernous estate. The suspense is somewhat mitigated by the obvious fact that our heroes probably won't suffer in the end. Even though there's one surprise (one of them gets infected), this genre horror film will find its niche among audiences.

Filmed for a shoestring in digital video, 28 Days Later looks cheap on the big screen but plays up its grainy, handheld look. Besides, the production had to remain small in order realistically to film in the wee hours on empty streets in downtown London, not to mention the M1 motorway.

In a nod to H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," the destruction starts and takes place mostly in England, although the infection is rumored to have spread to Paris and New York.

Because of the human drama that unfolds in the military compound, there's no time to address some of the questions that arise in this sort of film: What the virus really is, how extensive is the infection, what are people doing to stop it, how to survive beyond the next week. Those answers lie in a different movie; these people only have time to stay alive and virus-free. Thanks to the bumpy camerawork, dark enclosures, and maniacally murderous zombies that move with heightened, erratic twitches toward their victims, this film distracts you from those nagging questions until after you've left the theater.

28 Days Later opens at area Century theaters (Roseville, Greenback, Folsom), Natomas Marketplace, and UA Market Square and Laguna Village theaters.

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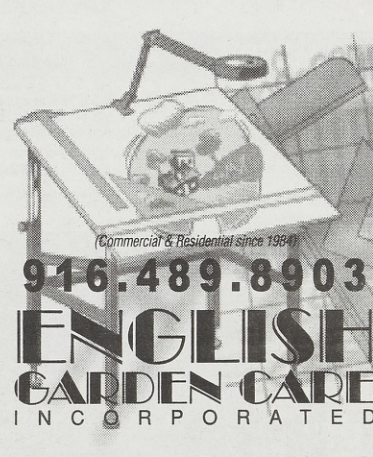

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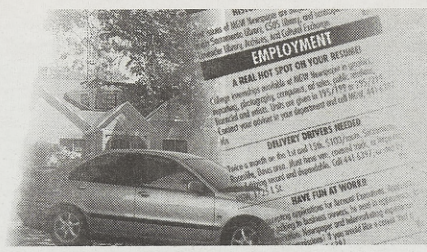

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WHISENANT WORKS WONDERS; MONARCHS BOUNCE TO .500

by Pat Hewitt

There's a new team playing in those purple jerseys at Arco. The names and numbers may be unchanged from the first half of the season, but the similarity to the old Monarchs ends there.

Under departed Coach Maura McHugh, the Monarchs walked onto the court looking tight, tense and worried. And they should have been worried. Field goal shooting often hovered in the mid-to-high 20's, rebounding was next to non-existent, and turnovers were responsible for several losses to weaker teams. Under the new watch of Interim Head Coach John Whisenant, ("call me Whiz"),

Interim Assistant Coach Tom Abatemarco, (call him anything but subdued), and the steadying hands of holdover Assistant Coaches Steve Shuman and Monique Ambers, the team's transformation is dizzying.

It is an exhilarated team that takes to the floor these days. Wide smiles mark previously somber faces, and high fives are the order of the day. And the play?

Let's just say that the level of play couldn't be more different. This is no longer a losing season for the Monarchs. Under Whisenant, the team brings a 5-1 record into the season's last month, and a reasonable

Chance to make the playoffs. (The one narrow loss to Houston was solely the result of poor free-throw shooting).

This is an increasingly physical team, the Monarchs forcing as many as 22 turnovers in their most recent win over the Storm, as well as 20 turnovers against the New York Liberty in the game following the All-Star break.

New Monarch DeMya Walker continues to impress, providing 21 points in the latest win against the Storm, tying her WNBA record. Although only a 50% free-throw shooter, Walker easily redeems herself with her Yolanda-like hustle under the basket, and several charted plays off Griffith or Penicheiro have provided reliable conversions.

With their confidence growing, there's been a notable proliferation of 3-point field goals, as in the July 10th win against San Antonio where Tangela Smith and Ruthie Bolton added 6 points in back to back conversions. A week later, Ticha put up two quick 3's against the Liberty, and an ever-improving Edna Campell and rookie Kara Lawson routinely pound one or two in from beyond the arc. Now that's entertaining basketball!

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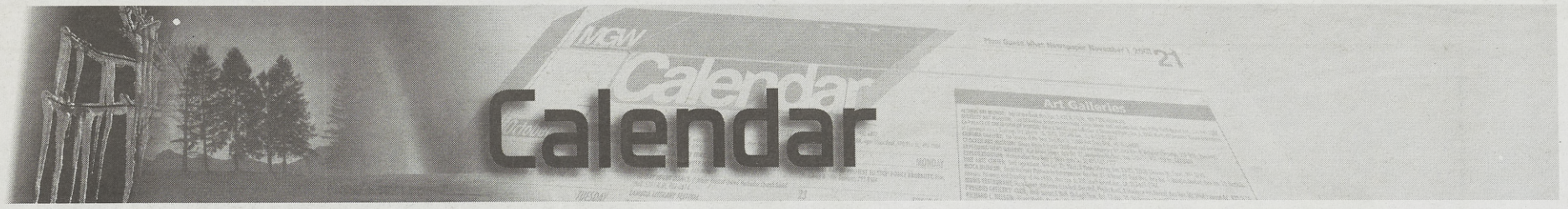

Calendar

AUGUST

1 FRIDAY

LLACE READING/NON-READING GROUP; 7-8pm, 1414 21st St. lavenderlibrary.org
INTERNATIONAL GAMES CHALLENGE, Aug 1st-3rd, 566-6560
TH BRODY'S, GOLDEN SHOULDERS, THE ENDERS, 5-9pm, Free Friday Night Concerts, Cesar Chavez Plaza, 484-4610

2 SATURDAY

GAY AND LESBIAN FRONTRUNNERS HIKE, Gay And Lesbian, 421 – 6209
WHY AM I STILL SINGLE/MARRIED?, Outright Radio, 7pm, 88.9 KXJZ
ARTBLAST: Printmaking; Crocker Art Museum, 12-3pm, 264.4523
FAMILY PRIDE WEEK; Aug 2- 9, Provincetown MA, www.familypride.org
SHOW AND CELL; Towe Auto Museum, 10am-4pm, 442-6802
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Sunrise Mall, 688-0100
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Country Club Plaza, 688-0100

3 SUNDAY

MONARCHS vs Charlotte Sting, 6pm, Arco Arena. 419-WNBA
FUNDRAISER FOR JOHN BOYD; Inn At Parkside, 2116 6th St., 804 – 6888
SHIRDARA FROM JAPAN; 3pm, Crest Theater, Taiko Dan, 444-5667
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, State Parking Lot (8th & W st), 688-0100
EVEING WITH GUITARS AND SAXES, Rodney Strong Winery, Healdsburg, CA, 331-2021

4 MONDAY

BASKETBALL, Open Gym, Rizal Center, 7320 Florin, Hoopcenter.com

5 TUESDAY

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS; Monarchs vs. Houston Comets, 5:30pm, Compaq Center. 419-WNBA
FARMERS MARKET; 9 am – 1 pm, Cal Expo, 688-0100
FARMERS MARKET; 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Roosevelt Park, 688-0100
HEART 2 HEART; 6:30-8pm, HIV/AIDS Support Group, CARES, 443-3299

6 WEDNESDAY

FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Chavez Plaza, 688-0100

7 THURSDAY

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS; Monarchs vs. San Antonio, 5pm, SBC Center. 419-WNBA
A TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION; 7th-30th, Exploding Heads Gallery, 442-8424
AWESOME AUGUST PARTY; 7th-10th, Palm Springs & Cathedral City, 760-328-1961
FARMERS MARKET; 8am-11:30pm, Florin, 688-0100
FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Downtown Plaza, 688-0100

8 FRIDAY

LAVA BED RUN, 8th-10th Lassen National Park, Valley Kings, 455-6540
RACE FOR THE ARTS, 7pm, University Union, CSUS, Chalk It Up, 974-7086
SIERRA STAMPEDE; Aug 8th-10th, Rio Linda, ccgra.com
LITTLE CARCHLEI & THE NIGHT CATS, RICHARD MARCH; 5-9pm, Free Friday Night Concerts, Cesar Chavez Plaza, 484-4610

9 SATURDAY

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS; Monarchs vs. Minn. Lynx, 7pm, Arco Arena. 419-WNBA
RECEPTION: A TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION; Exploding Heads Gallery, 6-9pm, 442-8424
RECEPTION: JOURNEY'S END; 4-9pm, Chroma Gallery, 966-6020
JOURNEY'S END EXHIBIT; Aug 9th – Sept 7th, Chroma Gallery, 966-6020
RECEPTION: THE NAKED PAINTER; 6-9pm, Phoenix Framing and Gallery, 447-1632
THE NAKED PAINTER; Aug 9th -29th, Phoenix Framing and Gallery, 447-1632
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Sunrise Mall, 688-0100
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Country Club Plaza, 688-0100
DOG DAYZ OF SUMMER; 12pm, SF/SPCA, Pacific Bell Park, SF, 415-554-3000

10 SUNDAY

CAMP IT UP!; 10th – 17th, Feather River Camp, (510) 763 – 0615
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, State Parking Lot (8th & W st), 688-0100

12 MONDAY

FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Chavez Plaza, 688-0100

13 TUESDAY

EXPLORE LOVER'S LEAP; Gay and Lesbian Sierrans, 421 – 6209
FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL: FESTIVAL del ARTE; 11 am – 4pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St.

14 WEDNESDAY

SUMMER ADVENTURES STORYTELLING FOR GROWNUPS; 7:30, 27th and J, 331 – 5523
THE ROYAL CHICANO AIR FORCE; Crocker Art Museum, 6:30 pm, 264-5423
FARMERS MARKET; 8am-11:30pm, Florin, 688-0100
FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Downtown Plaza, 688-0100

15 THURSDAY

MONARCHS vs. Cleveland, 9am, Gund Arena. 419-WNBA
HARMONY ON THE RIVER CONCERT; Sidesaddle and Co, River Walk, W.Sac, 617-4620
HEART TO HEART HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP; 6:30 – 8:00pm, 1500 21st St, 443 – 3299
SIDESADDLE AND CO- BLUEGRASS; Harmony on the River Concert Series, River Walk Park, 617 - 4620
FARMERS MARKET; 9 am – 1pm, Cal Expo, 688 – 0100

16 FRIDAY

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS; Monarchs vs. Phoenix Mercury, 7pm, America West Arena. 419-WNBA
MT. TAMALPAIS DAY HIKE, Gay and Lesbian Sierrans, (530) 889 – 8652
ARTBLAST: Printmaking; Crocker Art Museum, 12-3pm, 264.4523
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Sunrise Mall, 688-0100
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Country Club Plaza, 688-0100

17 SATURDAY

FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, State Parking Lot (8th & W st), 688-0100

18 SUNDAY

LESBIAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP; 6:30-8pm, Uptown Studios, 920-7870

19 MONDAY

FARMERS MARKET; 9 am – 1 pm, Cal Expo, 688-0100
FARMERS MARKET; 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Roosevelt Park, 688-0100
HEART 2 HEART; 6:30-8pm, HIV/AIDS Support Group, CARES, 443-3299
EVEING WITH GUITARS AND SAXES, Aug 19th&20th, Cerritos Center, Cerritos CA, 331-2021

20 TUESDAY

OUT AT THE BALL GAME; dinner at 6:30 game at 7pm, call 558 – 3751 for tickets
FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Chavez Plaza, 688-0100

21 WEDNESDAY

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS; Monarchs vs. Houston Comets, 7pm, Arco Arena. 419-WNBA
NOW MEETING; 7 pm, Hart Senior Center, 443 – 3470
"INTRO TO LEATHER"; Sac. Valley Leatherment, 7-9pm, 486-5500
HOMENAGEM BRASILEIRA; Crocker Art Museum, 5:30 pm, 264-5423
JAZZ SPOTLIGHT TOUR; Crocker Art Museum, 6:30pm, 264-5423
FARMERS MARKET; 8am-11:30pm, Florin, 688-0100
FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Downtown Plaza, 688-0100

22 THURSDAY

SF 3rd ANNUAL LEATHER /LEVI WEEKEND August 22-24; leatherlevi.org
DUCHESS AND THE DANCER; 22-23, 8pm, Buriel Clay Memorial Theatre, (415) 621 – 3778
QUITTER, CALL ME ISHMAEL, ARMY OF TREES; 5-9pm, Free Friday Night Concerts, Cesar Chavez Plaza, 484-4610

23 FRIDAY

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS; Monarchs vs. Phoenix Mercury, 7pm, Arco Arena. 419-WNBA
ECHO LAKE PADDLE BREAK; Gay and Lesbian Sierrans, (530) 885 – 8596
DINING OUT, Gay and Lesbian Sierrans, 443 – 6114 to RSVP between 9am and 9pm
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Sunrise Mall, 688-0100
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Country Club Plaza, 688-0100

24 SATURDAY

FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, State Parking Lot (8th & W st), 688-0100

26 SUNDAY

CERAMICS WORKSHOP; 9am-4pm, Crocker Art Museum, 264-5423
GLBT VETERANS MEMORIAL, 11am, CA State Veterans Memorial, 760-324-5670
FARMERS MARKET; 9 am – 1 pm, Cal Expo, 688-0100
HEART 2 HEART; 6:30-8pm, HIV/AIDS Support Group, CARES, 443-3299
FARMERS MARKET; 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Roosevelt Park, 688-0100

27 MONDAY

FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Chavez Plaza, 688-0100

28 TUESDAY

BFARMERS MARKET; 8am-11:30pm, Florin, 688-0100
FARMERS MARKET; 10am-2pm, Downtown Plaza, 688-0100

29 WEDNESDAY

MYSTERY DAY HIKE; Gay and Lesbian Sierrans, 549 – 3354
SCOTTISH GATHERING AND GAMES; 30th – 31st, 8am – 6pm, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 800-713-3160

30 THURSDAY

RAINBOW FESTIVAL; 10 am – 6 pm, 20th + K St.
CHALK ART FESTIVAL, Aug 30th-Sept 1st, 10am-6pm, Freemont Park, 484-5710
SCOTTISH GATHERING AND GAMES, Aug 30th- 31st, 8am-6pm, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 800-713-3160
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Sunrise Mall, 688-0100
FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, Country Club Plaza, 688-0100

31 FRIDAY

FARMER'S MARKET; 8am- 12pm, State Parking Lot (8th & W st), 688-0100

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half, a knowledgableobserver commented that it was his belief that the Monarchs' play in the first half of the July 26th win over the Seattle Storm was not only the best the Monarchs have ever played, it was the best half played by any WNBA team this year.

ALL-STAR SLIGHT ENERGIZES TICHA; Ticha Penicheiro's failure to make the All-Star roster seems to have to motivated the point guard to perform at a higher level, a sort of "Take that you stupid nominators!". The no-look passes have proliferated, and her shooting, both 3-pointers and from the line, has improved.

Her 10 steals against San Antonio set a new WNBA record, and seems to have provided a model for her teammates, who recorded 18 steals in the July 26th win over the Seattle Storm, (Penicheiro 4, Maiga 4, Walker 4, Bolton 2, and one steal apiece for Griffith, Smith, Frett and Campbell.)

GRIFFITH PLAYS WITH INJURED ELBOW; Clearly fatigued by her travel to the All-Star game, and challenged by a street-rough New York Liberty at Arco, Yo hit the boards (once again), landing hard on her right elbow. She continues to play with the elbow heavily taped, but clearly is experiencing pain on extension of her arm. Once again, the Warrior Queen refuses to quit.

Always a target for the referees, Yo received at least 3 uncalled for fouls in a recent game, and eventually fouled out with seconds to play.

ART GALLERIES

AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE; Deborah Barlow: Paintings, til' June 8; Elizabeth Mead: Sculpture & Scenography, June 24-July 27; 30 Grant St., SF, 415-439-2437. act-sf.org
CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Treasures of a Lost Art, July 7-August 31, Henry Moore: Celebrating a Gift, thru Aug. 31; Big Prints: Contemporary American Graphic Art, 1967-2000 thru Aug. 31, 100 34th Ave, SF.
CHROMA GALLERY; thru June 8, 4-9pm , River Rhapsody, June 14-July 6, Dreams and Memories, Spirited Visions July 12 – August 3, 12 – 5pm, 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks. thechromagallery.com
CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Great Masters of Mexican Folk Art from the Collection of Fomento Cultural Banamex, May 23-July 27;Just Another Poster? Chicano Graphic Arts in Ca, June 20-Sept. 14; Contemporary Danish Ceramics August 15 – October 19 2003, 216 O St, crockerartmuseum.org
SF EXPLORATORIUM; Animal Magnetism, July 17-September 28
EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY; Chris Botta, thru June 7, Jacqueline Krayna Photography through August 2, 2003; 924 12th St., 442-8424
LAVENDER LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & CULTURAL EXCHANGE (LLACE); Reading Group; 7-8pm, 1st Friday. June 6, 13, 20, 27. 1414 21st St.
JOHN NATSOULAS GALLERY; Pat Mahony, Recent Still Life; 521 First St, Davis, 530-756-3938
JIM FERRY'S 20th St. ART GALLERY; July 9 – Aug 2, Benefit Show for Friends of the River, 911 20th St., 930 - 0500
PHOENIX GALLERY; Mike Helman, thru June 14, Susan Kerr through July 2003, 1901 Capitol Ave 447-1632
MUSEUM OF GLBT HISTORY; Saint Harvey: The Life and Afterlife of a Modern Gay Martyr, June 6 – April 4, 2004, 657 Mission St., www.glbthistory.org
SF MOMA; Sculpture: Film into Art, til'Aug 24; Andreas Gursky, til' June 1; Paul Klee, til' June 8; ROY/design series 1, Philip Guston Retrospective, June 28-Sept. 28; Marc Chagall, July 26-Nov. 4; 002 SECA Art Award, thru July 27; Reagan Louie: Sex in Asia, Aug. 23-Jan. 11, Diane Arbus: Revelations, Oct. 25-Feb. 8; Romare Bearden, Feb 7-May 16; 151 3rd St., SF. 415-357-4000
SOLOMON DUBNICK; Myron Stephens, John Bowler, Jeri Hise, thru June 7; From Arizona to California: John Tuomisto-Bell, John Nelson, June 12-July 5; Clay Connections: Melody Evans, Stephanie Taylor, Eric Dahlin, Thomas Orr, Rimas VisGirda, Fred Gordon, Tom Rippon, Nora Pineda, July 10-Aug. 2; 2131 Northrup Ave.
TOWE AUTO MUSEUM; Centennial Celebration of the Ford Motor Co., thru July 31; 2200 Front St.
TOWER FRAMING & DESIGN GALLERY; Alex Pardee, thru June 7; Guns and Roses, Phyllis A. Cottrell and Jane Goldman, July 10 – August 2, 2131 Northrop, Suite B, 923-6204
UP TOWN STUDIOS; Magnificent Landscapes, Matthew Federick, June 14 912 1/2 J St, 446-1082
VIEWPOINT; R.A. Hicks June 6-July 19
WEINSTEIN GALLERY; thru August 15, 10am-7pm. Marc Chagall, July 25-August 25, 10am-7pm. 253 Grant Ave, SF 415-397-6177

THEATRE / DANCE / ORCHESTRA

20th Street Art; Char Sylvestri, June 1 - 30, 911 20th Street, 930-0500
24TH STREET THEATRE; DOT, Twilight of the Golds; 6/28; 971-9337
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE; Little Me June 20; Beauty and the Beast July 5, 961-1729
CALIFORNIA MUSICAL THEATER; Mamma Mia!, June 4-15; Cats, July 8-20; The World Goes 'Round, July 22-27; Damn Yankees, July 29-Aug. 3; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Aug. 5-10; Brigadoon, Aug. 12-17; The Will Rogers Follies, Aug. 19-24; Ragtime, Aug. 26-31; 1419 H St., 557-1999.
CABRILLO FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC; July 28 – August 10, Information: (831) 420 - 5260
CASTRO THEATRE; SF International Lesbian /Gay Film Festival, June 12-29, 415-640-1995
CSUS ALUMNI THEATRE; Illusions, June 13-29, 278-3330
CHANTICLEER; subscription brochures available in July for 2003/2004 holiday season, (415) 252 – 8589
CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER; Pride Season Nine, call box office for details at (415) 861 – 8972 , and Sex Kittens in Hi-Fi, July 12 – August 10, 2003, (415) 861 - 8972
FOOTHILL THEATRE COMPANY; Always…Patsy Cline, thru August 17, 530-265-8587
FAIR OAKS THEATRE FESTIVAL; Little Me June 20 – July 27 8:30pm , Beauty and the Beast July 5 – 26 on Saturdays, American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr., (916) 484 - 8433
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE; The King and I, thru July 20; 985-6361
GEARY THEATRE; Urinetown, The Musical, July 16; 405 Geary St., SF, 415-749-2228
HERBST THEATRE; Dewey Redman and Joshua Redman, June 6, 8pm & 10pm. Sfjazz.org
GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER; Elvira Kurt, 6/2; Jackie Beat 6/9; Stephanie Howard w/ Beth Sherman 6/16; San Francisco's Monsters of Gay comedy 6/23; 1800 Market Street; qcomedy.com
MAGIC THEATRE; The Lonesome West, June 13-July 6; Love and Taxes, June 20-July 13; Ft. Mason Center, Landmark Bldg. D, SF, 415-771-5505. magictheatre.org
MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; The Male intellect: an oxymoron? June10-29, If You Ever Leave Me…I'm Going With You, July 11 – August 3, 2003, 609 Sutter St, SF, 877-771-6900.
MASONIC AUDITORIUM; Dave Brubeck Quartet w/Michael Moore, Bobby Militello, and Randy Jones. June 13, 8PM. Joao Gilberto, 8pm, July 26. Sfjazz.org
MONDAVI CENTER; Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, June 28, 8pm; Eighth Blackbird, August 2, 8pm, 530-754-4435
MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS; Sundays in June, Archbishop Mansion, 1000 Fulton St, SF. incentivesonintrigue.com
MUSIC CIRCUS; Cats July 7-20, The World Goes 'Round July 22-27, Damn Yankees July 29-Aug 3, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Aug 5-10, Brigadoon Aug 12-17, The Will Rogers Follies Aug 19-24, Ragtime Aug 26-31, 1419 H St, 557-1999
NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER; Howard Crabtree's When Pigs Fly, May 17-June 28. Mysterious Skin, thru June 28; Love Notes, thru Aug.10; nctcsf.org
RIVER STAGE; Texas, July 12 – 27, box office 691 - 7364
SAC COMMUNITY CENTER; 42nd Street, October 1-12, Flower Drum Song, November 5-16, Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman, December 27-January 4, Dreamgirls, January 28-February 8, 2004, Giselle, February 19-22, 2004, Thoroughly Modern Millie, May 5-16, 2004, The Producers, June 9-July 4, 2004 sacbroadwayseries.com
SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; through July 7, La Centerola, War Memorial Opera House, (415) 864 - 3330
SAN JOSE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS; Aida, July 23 – Aug 9, 888 – 455 - SHOW
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THEATRE RHINOCEROS; Cocksucker: A Love Story, thru July 20, Sleeping with Straight Men, August 28 thru October 4, Worse then Chocolate, October 16 thru November 8, Christmas with the Crawfords, November 20 thru January 3, 2004. A Love Story, May 8-June 7; 2926 16th St., SF. therhino.org
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THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; The Lone Star Love Potion, thru June 22; The Rainmaker, August 29-September 28, Annie, November 14-December 14, Private Lives, January 23-February 22, Ragtime, April 2-May 2, Stress Test, June 12, The Lion in Winter, May 21-June 20, Footloose, July 18 – August 3. 340 Second St., Woodland. wohtheatre.org.
WELLS FARGO PAVILLION; The Producers, Through July 4, 1419 H St, 557 - 1999

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Folsom Street Fair San Francisco	September 28 2003
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442-0185.	June 14 , 2004
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650.	June 2003
First Day of Summer	June 21, 2003
Los Angeles Pride Parade, www.lapride.org	June 22, 2003
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org.	June 28-29, 2003
Sweden Gay Pride, www.visit-sweden.com	July 30-August 3, 2003
Montreal's GLBT Celebration,diversite.org	August 2003
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766.	August 2003
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org.	August 2003
Sacramento Sierra Stampede, 978-4040	August 2003
Strawberry Music Festival strawberrymusic.com	August 28-September 1 2003
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2003
Sacramento Valley Aids Walk	September 2003
Palm Springs Short Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	September 16, 2003
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)	September 26, 2003
National Coming Out Day.	October 2003
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October 2003
Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)	October 5, 2003
Interpride, www.interpride.org	October 2-5, 2003
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2002
Out on Film-The Gay &Lesbian Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	October 2003
Indigenous People's Day	October 13, 2003
Daylight Savings Time Ends	October 26, 2003
Halloween	October 31, 2003
Greater Palm Springs Pride, www.palm-springs.org	November 4, 2003
Election Day (Please Vote!)	November 4, 2003
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2003
Happy Thanksgiving	November 27, 2003
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary.	November 16, 2003
S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed.	November 27, 1978
Hanukkah (begins at sundown)	December 19, 2003
First Day of Winter	December 21, 2003
Merry Christmas!	December 25, 2003
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2003
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2003
New Year's Day	January 1, 2004
Palm Springs International Film Festival , www.palm-springs.org	January 8-9, 2004

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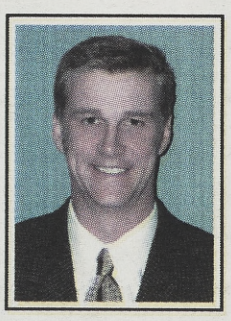

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